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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends,

The Milwaukee County Board just wrapped up deliberations on the 2015 Budget and I am pleased to announce some positive news for the 9th District. Although I voted against the budget I was able to include funding for a number of capital improvements that have been long overdue.

I will go into more detail later in this newsletter, but in addition to providing funding for road improvements in Franklin and Oak Creek, the Wehr Nature Center will continue to operate as it has in the past and changes due to an amendment that I and Supervisor Cullen co-sponsored that will allow programming to be expanded throughout other county parks.

In Hales Corners I was able to keep the wading pool open until a study can be done and if necessary the Friends of Hales Corners Pool have committed to pay for operating expenses next year while we work on a long-term solution. Hales Corner Pool is the heart of that community and I wanted to make sure it would remain vibrant for many years to come. For this reason I authored an amendment that will replace the roof and put in a new pool liner. All of the amendments I have mentioned have a zero levy impact for 2015.



I want to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving and as the holiday season approaches I am thankful for the opportunity that you have given to me to be your elected representative. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have.

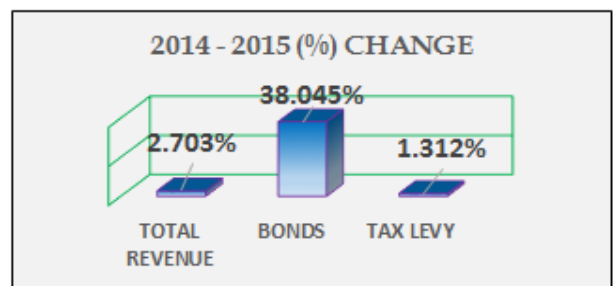
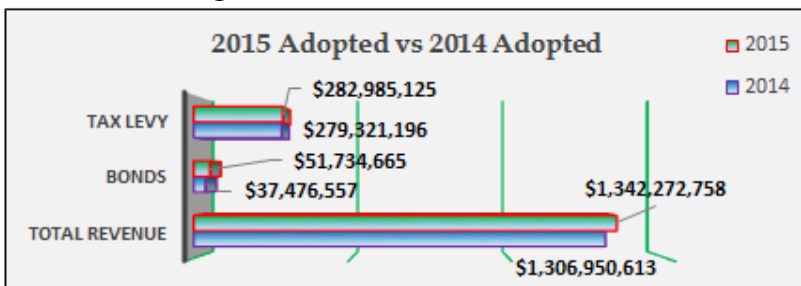
All My Best,

2015 BUDGET RECAP

The Milwaukee County Board adopted the 2015 Milwaukee County Operating Budget on November 10, 2014. The Budget totals approximately \$1.34 billion and it was approved on an 11-6 vote, with Supervisors Alexander, Borkowski, Schmitt, Staskunas, Taylor and Weishan voting against it.

Supervisor Taylor voted against the Budget because it contains several provisions that he disagrees with, including a transit amendment that looks to create a free rides program and establish additional routes which have not been properly vetted by the serviced communities. Another concern of Taylor's is that a comprehensive cost benefits analysis has not been completed. Taylor additionally voted against approving an increase in the tax levy from approximately \$279 million in 2014 to \$282 million in 2015.

On November 19, 2014 County Executive Abele vetoed 26 of 59 amendments that the County Board adopted to amend his 2015 Recommended Budget. In turn, the County Board overrode 24 of the Executives vetoes. It should be noted that the 2015 Milwaukee County Adopted Budget increases the tax levy by 1.312% or \$5.08 per \$1000 of equalized value. Please see the graphs below for a 2014 and 2015 comparison.



BY THE NUMBERS

2015 Budget Expenditure
\$ 1,342,272,758

2015 Budget Revenue
General - \$ 1,007,552,968
Bonds - \$ 51,734,665
Tax Levy - \$ 282,985,125

2015 Tax Levy Increase
\$ 3,663,929 or 1.312%

MAJOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

The 2015 Milwaukee County Budget includes a number of capital improvements in the 9th District. Supervisor Taylor's top priority since taking office has been his commitment to fixing his district's failing infrastructure.

Supervisor Taylor put a plan into place in 2012 and as a result there will be more road construction in Franklin and Oak Creek in 2015 that has been long overdue. You may review the schedule of these improvements in the table provided.

- 2015 South North Cape Road: Hi-View Dr. to Carrol Cir.
- 2015 Whitnall Park Bridges over Root River.
- 2015 Hales Corners Park Pavilion Roof + Pool Liner
- 2016 West St. Martins Road: North Cape Rd. to Lovers Lane Rd.
- 2017 South 13th Street: Rawson Ave. to Drexel Ave.
- 2017 West Ryan Rd.: 95th Street to 112th Street.
- 2019 South 13th Street: Drexel Ave. to Puetz Rd.

VOLUNTEER DINNER & HALES CORNERS POOL

Supervisor Taylor was pleased to announce on November 10, 2014 that the Milwaukee County Board passed his co-sponsored amendment with Supervisor Cullen, which continued a long-standing relationship with the UW-Extension. This amendment not only assures UW-Extension will remain funded through 2015, it also ensures the long-term viability and success of the Wehr Nature Center.



Supervisor Taylor speaks with volunteers during the annual Wehr Appreciation Dinner



Supervisor Taylor discusses UW-Extension, amendment and the future of Wehr Nature Center

Taylor's amendment removes the Natural Areas Coordinator position that currently provides system-wide land management from the UW-Extension contract and places it within the Parks Department. This change will allow the Parks Department to continue system-wide natural areas management, environmental education and place the Wehr Nature Center on a more sustainable track.

In addition to the UW-Extension amendment, Taylor also authored an amendment which appropriates \$525,000 for the replacement of the Hales Corners Pool roof (\$250,000) and (\$175,000) for the installation of a new pool liner. Taylor's amendment was vetoed by the County Executive on November 19, 2014 and then with support from his colleagues the County Board overrode the veto with a 14-4 vote.

LEGISLATIVE ROUND - UP

While the Milwaukee County Board passed the 2015 Budget they also took up legislation at its regularly scheduled November 6, 2014 meeting. The most notable legislation the Board considered includes the sale of O'Donnell Park and the relocation of transit shelters at Southridge Shopping Center.

O'Donnell Park

14-3 (Yes): Vote to lay over until December 18, 2014 a resolution declaring O'Donnell Parking Structure surplus and requesting authorization to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Northwestern Mutual. Supervisor Taylor voted to move forward with sale of the O'Donnell Parking Structure because he has been a strong supporter of the agreement from the beginning. Moreover, due to the long term financial obligations stemming from maintenance costs and the fact that Northwestern Mutual has been an outstanding corporate partner with a long history of working with the community, Taylor believes the sale will greatly benefit County residents.

Southridge

15-2 (Yes): Vote requesting to enter into an agreement regarding relocating transit shelters and changing bus routes at the Southridge Shopping Center. Supervisor Taylor voted against this "compromise" between Milwaukee County and Southridge Shopping Center because he felt that it in no way benefited disabled and senior riders who depend on transit as their only method of transportation. Taylor strongly noted that it is unacceptable to require the most vulnerable members of our community to maneuver long distances through a parking lot with unsafe conditions.

HALES CORNERS LIONS CLUB PUMPKIN FEST



Left to right: Carl Rynders, Rob Chase, Supervisor Taylor, Dave Kiel, Lindy Guajardo, Jim Bain, Tom Smyczek, Kent Bieosanski



Supervisor Taylor talks with neighborhood children while watching them carve pumpkins!!

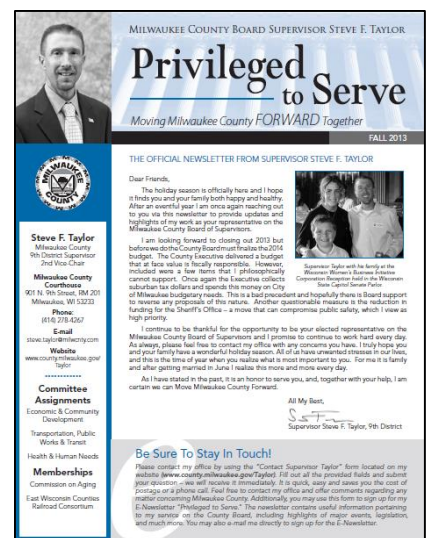
Supervisor Taylor had the opportunity to speak with constituents and take part in the festivities at this year's Hales Corners Lion Club Pumpkin Fest. Residents of Hales Corners and the surrounding communities enjoyed in an evening filled with food, fun and pumpkin carving.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE - PRINT EDITION

In the coming few weeks you will receive the annual print edition of Privileged to Serve, the official newsletter issued by Supervisor Taylor's Office.

The newsletter includes highlights of major events that took place in 2014 throughout the 9th District that Supervisor Taylor was involvement with. It also features prominent businesses that have achieved important milestones operating in our community, as well as individuals who helped better it.

The newsletter also includes Milwaukee County 2015 Budget analysis as it pertains to capital improvements in the 9th District. We hope that you find it informative



WEHR NATURE CENTER

Homemade Holidays

Saturday, December 6, 2014
11am - 3:30pm

Join the Wehr Nature Center on for this family fun activity!

Participants will have the chance to create homemade holiday gifts from natural and recycled materials.

Projects include:

- Tree Cookie Coasters
- Pencil Holders
- Holiday Ornaments
- Pine Cone Holiday Trees

Admission:

- \$7 per child
- \$5 for members of Friends of Wehr
- \$2 Additional Projects

Please click [here](#) for the entire Milwaukee County Parks Event Calendar

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
FREE the first Thursday of every month

Free for all visitors. Visit www.mam.org for additional information.



FREE Days for 2014:
1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 11/1 & 12/6

Special Holidays:
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org



FREE on Mondays
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Excludes major holidays.
Visit www.milwaueedomes.org for additional information.

BOERNER CORNER

Do It Yourself Crafts: Holiday Edition

Saturday, December 6, 2014
10am - 12pm

Join Friends of Botanical Boerner Botanical Gardens for a Saturday full of Holiday Cheer!!

Participants will create a variety of holiday heirlooms. Building materials will be provided but don't forget to bring in an assortment (up to four pieces) of holiday themed dishes to create unique gift ideas.

Admission:

- \$10 FBBG members
- \$15 General Public

For more information or to sign up for this class, contact Chris Sharrow at (414-525-5653) or email csharrow@fbbg.org

Boerner Botanical Gardens is an enchanting place – full of history, beauty and valuable information for gardeners of all interest and skill levels. Expert led walks are our way of sharing the Garden's unique wealth of horticultural information with you throughout the gardening season. Meet at the FBBG Gift Shop, rain or shine.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

Breakfast and Lunch with Santa

Monday's & Tuesday's
December 6, 2014 - December 21, 2014

Music, Fun, Holiday Gifts and a memorable breakfast with Santa!!!